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Police search for missing Lincoln man

LINCOLN — State police are searching for a missing elderly man who has not been heard from since Wednesday.

Delaware State Police spokesman Sgt. Walter W. Newton said Harold Perham was last seen in his home on the 100 block of Holly Drive, Meadows of Cubbage Pond, Lincoln. When a family member entered Mr. Perham's road, it was discovered that he was missing, Sgt. Newton said. State police troopers contacted neighbors and were informed that Mr. Perham was last seen walking west on Holly Drive at about 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sgt. Newton said.

Anyone who has seen Mr. Perham is asked to call 911 immediately. Mr. Perham has not taken his medication recently, and troopers fear this lack of medication may cause him to have a diminished metal capacity, Sgt. Newton said.

Walkaway sought

GEORGETOWN — Authorities are seeking the public's help in locating an inmate from a low-security Sussex County correctional facility who did not return from an authorized pass.

Delaware Department of Correction spokesman John R. Painter said Gordon Mapp, 39, of Georgetown, failed to return from an authorized pass issued by the Sussex Community Corrections Center near Georgetown at the required time on Thursday.

Mr. Painter said Mapp is black, 6-feet-3, 215 pounds, with brown eyes, black hair, a full beard, and a scar on his forehead. He said Mapp was incarcerated after conviction for criminal non-support.

Anyone with information is asked to call (800) 542-9524 or their local police department.

Two boaters rescued by helicopter in Chesapeake Bay

HOOPER STRAIT, Md. (AP) — Maryland State Police said helicopter crews rescued two men whose boat was sinking in the Chesapeake Bay on Friday.

It happened about 11 a.m. in Hooper Strait in Dorchester County. Troopers had received a 911 call and two state police helicopters began a search.

Troopers located the sinking 40-foot vessel and saw two men on top of the pilot house; the rest of the boat was underwater.

Helicopter Trooper 7 hovered over the sinking ship and individually hoisted the two men aboard the aircraft.

The two men refused medical treatment.

Kent athletic complex study gets boost

Dover group gives \$10,000 to analyze potential of Frederica sports site

By Andrew West
Delaware State News

DOVER — The Greater Dover Committee has pledged \$10,000 towards the completion of a feasibility study for a proposed Kent County athletic complex that could generate significant tourism dollars to the area.

Bill Strickland, who heads the economic development committee of the Greater Dover Committee, said the contribution will go toward an estimated total of \$60,000 needed to complete the study.

The Greater Dover Committee, with more than 50 members, is a non-profit organization created in the late 1980s by civic-minded business executives to identify emerging community issues and to take on projects they feel will improve the quality of life for the residents of the area.

In May, Kent County Levy Court agreed to authorize site analysis for an 85-acre sports facility that has been proposed next to the Kent County Wastewater Treatment Facility known as West Farm, near Frederica.

"I don't know of another opportunity that could provide such immediate and

significant economic impact," Mr. Strickland said.

Linda Parkowski of the Delaware Tourism office initiated discussions about the need for a sports complex in Delaware. The Frederica site proposed would contain 15 multi-purpose fields for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and football, and possibly a lighted stadium with seating for up to 1,000 as well as a concession stand and pro shop.

The draw of athletes from around the region for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and other tournaments and events would be a boon to hotel and restaurant business in the region.

Kent County's involvement would be donation of the land with a \$1 per year lease.

Mr. Strickland said the Greater Dover Committee created its economic development committee a few months ago after taking a survey of its members to identify pressing issues.

"Our executive committee thought the athletic complex would be a good project for the economic development committee to embrace," Mr. Strickland said.

He said the committee could serve as a facilitator for the project and help raise the money needed to complete the study.

The intent of the study, Mr. Strickland said, would be to analyze support of the complex and gauge the economic return,

particularly to the areas surrounding Frederica.

Operation of the facility has not yet been determined. However, discussions have centered on private management services.

"Our endorsement of the project," Mr. Strickland said, "was based on the fact that it was going to be professionally managed."

Cindy Small, executive director of Kent County Tourism, said the timing is good for the area to have a facility that could draw major tournaments.

On Nov. 6, the state's newly created Delaware Sports Commission will be launched. Its goal will be to draw sporting events to the state.

"We want it to be the kind of facility people will love and people will use," said Ms. Small.

In presentations on the Frederica complex, Ms. Parkowski said a large tournament could have an economic value of \$2.5 million in a weekend.

Mr. Strickland noted that the sports complex could be "quasi-recession proof."

Parents, he said, maintain a commitment to children's sports interests despite the travel and overnight stay costs.

"The feasibility study, once completed, should provide a totally informed position to the public," Mr. Strickland said.

Two DSU candidates headed to trustees

Search committee recommends Williams, Nunery for president post

Delaware State News

DOVER — A Delaware State University search committee has recommended two finalists to the Board of Trustees to be considered for the school's next president.

The board will consider Dr. Harry L. Williams, the current Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Delaware State University, and Dr. Leroy D. Nunery II, founder/principal of PlusUltra LLC, an advisory and consulting practice for educational, entrepreneurial and non-

profit entities.

According to a letter from search committee chair Wesley E. Perkins, "Both participated in extensive on-campus interviews with constituent groups the week of September 28. Feedback collected from the groups will be forwarded to the Board for its use in its discussions at an upcoming special meeting as yet to be determined."

Dr. Claibourne D. Smith has been the acting president of Delaware State University since Sept. 1, 2008, following the resignation of Dr. Allen L. Sessoms, the ninth DSU president.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to (publicly) thank the Search Committee members," Mr. Perkins wrote in his letter. "These individuals spent countless

hours screening and interviewing candidates throughout the process with The Hollins Group, the Board's search firm. Thanks, too, to the numerous persons who contributed thoughts in developing the leadership profile and who attended interview sessions for the finalists. Your opinions mattered throughout this process."

Dr. Smith has served on the DSU Board of Trustees since 1987 and as its chairman since 1993. In assuming the acting president post, he temporarily turned over the chairmanship of the board to Dr. John Land, board vice chairman.

Once a permanent DSU president is appointed, Dr. Smith will resume his board chairmanship.

NEWS BRIEF

White House honors Del. Bay oyster restoration

WASHINGTON — The Delaware Bay Oyster Restoration Project was honored with a Coastal America Partnership Award during a bayside ceremony organized by

the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary at the University of Delaware's recent Coast Day festival in Lewes. The award is the only environmental award of its kind given by the White House.

The award recognized the partnership efforts of Delaware and New Jersey orga-

nizations that provided oyster habitat that will help restore and stabilize the oyster population in the Delaware Bay. The multi-agency task force strategically planted 2.1 million bushels of clam and oyster shells onto historic reefs in Delaware Bay, thanks to \$5 million in federal funding.